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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William Butler Cowden et al.
Application No. : 09/142,597
Filed : March 5, 1999
For : USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASE

Examiner : Sarvamangala J. N. Devi
Art Unit : 1645
Docket No. : 120081.403
Date : December 11, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 11, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.